



City and County of San Francisco

Commission on the Status of Women

Mayor London N. Breed

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 13, 2022

5:00 pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 408

Members Present:

President Dr. Shokooh Miry

Vice President Dr. Raveena Rihal [excused]

Commissioner Sophia Andary

Commissioner Sharon Chung [excused]

Commissioner Dr. Anne Moses

Commissioner Ani Rivera

Commissioner Breanna Zwart [excused]

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

I. CALL TO ORDER DISCUSSION

Remarks by President Shokooh Miry.

Mr. Joseph Macaluso performs roll call. Four out of seven Commissioners are present. We have quorum.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement is recited.

II. FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).

No Action.

No Commissioner Comment.

No Public Comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2022

Action: To approve Minutes from the regular Commission meeting on November 9, 2022 with subject to change.

No Public Comment.

(Roll Call Vote) Rivera / Moses – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Kimberly Ellis gives her remarks.

Commissioner Comments:

Rivera: The Department’s social media stories are exciting and uplifting.

Andary: Echoed Rivera’s comments and welcomed the new folks.

Miry: Welcomed the new folks, enjoyed the social media posts.

No Public Comment.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Competitive Solicitation Requirement Waiver Requests

Dept seeks commission approval for a grant waiver to engage with the African American Art and Culture Complex and (2) Freedom Forward.

The African American Art and Culture Complex:

The Department looking to partner with the AAACC to host an all-day policy summit that will focus on the needs of marginalized communities, providing them with a safe and welcoming space to gather and hear from inspiring speakers about the national and local issues impacting their lives, as well as gain the necessary tools to effectuate change in their communities through participation in workshops and breakout sessions. The requested grant amount is \$350,000.

Motion to approve the African American Art and Culture Complex Resolution:

(Roll Call Vote) Andary /Moses – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Comments:

Moses: Will the AAACC plan the event as well as host? Director Ellis responded yes.

Miry: The AAACC will be responsible for all three phases of Women's Policy Summit.

Rivera: What is the role of the SFPD in security? Director Ellis responded that security is a line item for a budget.

Freedom Forward:

Freedom Forward is a San Francisco-based organization aimed at the City's response to human trafficking by finding new ways to work together to tackle the complex needs of youth who have survived commercial sexual exploitation, and build the infrastructure needed to ensure that the youth with lived experience can inform that system of care. The requested grant amount is \$325,000.

Motion to approve Freedom Forward Resolution:

(Roll Call Vote) Andary / Rivera – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous

No public comment.

No Commissioner Comment.

B. Presentation by Freedom Forward

Freedom Forward presents on their work to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of youth in San Francisco, including their programs and services, initiatives, key achievements and research efforts. In addition, they will speak on how the Department and Commission can specifically support their work and potential opportunities for collaboration.

Speaker: Francesca Gonzalez, Executive Director for Freedom Forward.

Commissioner Comments:

Andary: Commented that she loves the HYPE Center and encouraged other commissioners to visit.

Moses: Inquired about Freedom Forward's fundraising goal.

Rivera: Thanked Francesca for the presentation.

Miry: Thanked Francesca for the presentation and the work that Freedom Forward does.

Public Comment:

Jamel Perkins: One of the cofounders of Freedom Forward thanked Francesca for her work.

VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.